

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 35-37 are currently pending. Claims 1 and 36 have been amended. Claims 2-34 were previously canceled.

Claims 1 and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being clearly anticipated by Matthews, III, U.S. Patent No. 5,815,145.

Claims 35 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unptentable over Matthews, III in further view of Hassell et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0128685.

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the invention as claimed. Specifically claim 1 has been amended to recite, "a system control module configured to control, the driver and decoder modules to produce a first display signal for the plurality of programs, wherein each of the programs is represented by a single frame in the first display signal, wherein the system control module, in response to receiving a user-specified program selection from the select button is configured to control the decoder module to produce a second display signal for the plurality of scenes, wherein each of the scenes is represented by a single frame in the second display signal."

Mathews, as understood, fails to discuss every limitation of amended claim 1. Mathews, as understood, discusses a technique for displaying a channel selection guide on a video display set. The channel selection guide provides programming information, such as television programming information, for programs that are available for viewing. The channel selection guide includes a number of tiles, wherein a selected tile is configured to display an image associated with a program that is available for viewing. The tile might be selected by moving a cursor onto the selected tile and pressing a selection button on a remote control. After selection of a tile in the Mathews program guide, the video display set plays the program associated with the selected tile. See Mathews at Col. 4, line 44 to Col. 5, line 46.

While Mathews discusses a program selection guide, Mathews fails to disclose a program guide wherein each program is associated with a number of scenes, such that if a user-specified program selection is made by a user, then a second display signal is produced, and each

scene in the second display signal is represented by a single frame. As discussed above, in the Mathews system, program selection initiates program play, and does not initiate generation of a signal wherein scenes are respectively represented by single frames.

The system of amended claim 1 provides a feature wherein specific scenes from a program may be selected. Mathews fails to discuss a system having a feature wherein specific scenes from a program may be specifically selected.

For at least these reasons Mathews fails to disclose every limitation and every feature of amended claim 1. Therefore, Mathews fails to anticipate amended claim 1.

Claim 36 has been amended to include limitations similar to the limitations of amended claim 1 that where distinguished from Mathews above. Therefore, for at least the same reasons that Mathews fails to anticipate amended claim 1, Mathews fails to anticipate amended claim 36.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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